



Ila Fay Vega

May 27, 1939 - September 1, 2026

Huntington, West Virginia

Ila Fay Vega died in Huntington on September 1, 2026. She was 87. Born in Huntington on May 27, 1939, with Appalachian roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She turned hours into checks that fed hollows. An adding-machine ribbon saved for lean months; miners trusted her math more than rumor. Colleagues still mention an adding-machine ribbon she saved.

She married Earl in 1963. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Earl died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Huntington, among streets she never needed to explain. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

Services

A memorial gathering in Huntington with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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